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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN REACTION TO CIEC SESSIONS

1. ALGERIAN PRESS REACTION TO FIRST SESSIONS OF CIEC COMMISSIONS HAS BEEN MODERATE AND RESTRAINED. LIMITED COVERAGE IN FEB 23 EL MOUDJAHID FEATURED COMMENTS OF AIT-CHAALAL, ALGERIAN CO-PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. AIT-CHAALALNOTED THAT FIRST SESSION OF DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION HAD SEEN AN EXTENSIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS; HOWEVER, WHILE DIALOGUE HAD BEGUN, NEGOTIATIONS HAD NOT. HE ADDED THAT RESULTS OF UPCOMING UNCTAD CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE ON CIEC TALKS.

2. DISCUSSING OTHER REACTIONS TO CIEC SESSIONS, EL MOUDJAHID HAD THIS COMMENT, "THE AMERICAN, BORSWORTH (SIC), CO-PRESIDENT OF ENERGY COMMISSION, SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THE BEGINNING OF THE WORK HAD BEEN VERY ENCOURAGING. MR. BOSWORTH, WHOSE OPTISM APPEARED SOMEWHAT EXAGGERATED, NOTED THAT THE ENERGY COMMISSION HAD PASSED FROM THE PROCEDURAL TO THE SUBSTANTIVE PHASE."
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